

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS
UNUSUALLY CLEVER

Individuality of Many Answers Not Prize Winners Especially Creditable.

ONE REPLY WRITTEN
IN ORIGINAL GREEK

Work of Mrs. W. H. Holmes Like a Steel Engraving—Classic Sketches Contributed.

While the puzzlers are busy rearranging the "pied prose" which disguises the books selected for this week's problem, I have a notion you will all be interested in hearing something about the solutions presented in last week's contest.

So many really meritorious lists were forwarded that it seems like negligence to refuse them special notice.

Answered in Greek.

Now, for instance, Miss E. Deeble, of 2521 I street, northwest, presented her solution in the original Greek. Mrs. W. H. Holmes sent in a piece of work that looked so much like engraving that everybody had to take a second look to discover the difference; Miss Elinor P. Moran, of 2416 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, forwarded her solution in the form of a Trojan's column, the names of the Greeks following in proper succession.

Mrs. Lavinia E. Newton, of 46 K street northwest, had a contribution which took the form of a Doric column upon the base of which was inscribed the names: Miss Mary C. D. Johnson, of 242 North Charles street, Baltimore, forwarded a booklet, detailing the deeds of the worthies of ancient Greece, illustrated with some attractive reproductions from masterpieces of Grecian art. The facade of a Doric temple upon the face of which was inscribed the proper names is another contribution which has gotten separated from the name of its author. Miss Nina S. Grimes, of 1221 Euclid street northwest, wrote a very comprehensive history of the worthies. So also did Robert W. Farrelly, whose typewritten "copy" is a delight to read.

Miss Edna C. Spaulding told a clever little historical sketch using the names to adorn the tale. Meanwhile, Mrs. F. Austin, of 614 Sixth street northeast, discovering that the later day pronunciations were not identical with those formerly favored, took the trouble to present the proper pronunciations of the names together with a brief sketch of each character. Major Pierre C. Stevens was among those who forwarded clever verses.

Altogether, the time, ingenuity, and thought expended upon the solutions evidenced the interest taken in the weekly contest, which have extended many months beyond the period named for their disappearance from the page.

FRANCES CARROLL.

GRANNY BONNETS POPULAR.

Patching little granny bonnets of China silk intended as boudoir caps are to be seen in smart shops, and the demand for them growing daily. They are very light and have a lace edging about the face and are drawn around the neck with soft ribbon.

HERE'S THE FIRST CHANCE
FOR THE LONELY TO MEET

Mrs. J. B. Kinnear Invites Thirty Strangers, Young Men and Women, to Be Her Guests So They May Become Acquainted.

In response to the letter which appeared on the Woman's Page of The Times on Friday evening, suggesting that some person of responsibility and position in the community use her power, and place to forward the interests of the home-sick and discouraged strangers brought to Washington in pursuit of a business or professional career, Mrs. J. B. Kinnear, of 1870 California street northwest, has asked me to extend an invitation in her name for thirty young men and women to be her guests at 3 o'clock Tuesday, May 3, at her home.

Mrs. Kinnear expressly wishes those situated similarly to the young woman who wrote the letter signed "A Lonely Girl" should feel they each are personally asked to accept her hospitality on the evening named. The number is placed at thirty simply because of the limitations of her home.

Other Meetings Possible.

However, a second or third meeting may be arranged should the necessity arise. Those intending to be Mrs. Kinnear's guests on this occasion are:

HOW TO ACQUIRE
A GRACEFUL WALK

Balancing a Book on the Head Soon Improves a Person's Gait.

The girl who longs for a pretty, straight back must avoid the habit of slouching in her chair. It is delightful to settle easily in a big armchair, all belted up with cushions, but, what a figure it gives you! This habit is a regular beauty destroyer, so flee from soft cushions, comfy chairs, and drowsy reveries.

Whenever you feel inclined to be, a little indolent, rush up to your room and practice this exercise, which is unexcelled as a back straightener and mental bracer.

Place a medium-sized book flat upon your head, and begin to walk slowly around the room. As you grow more perfect in balancing, you should walk faster.

In order to keep the book on the head, you will simply have to hold your shoulders and head correctly. Practice this for thirty minutes a day for a week, when you should substitute a cheap vase for the book.

This exercise not only gives you a straight back and daintily poised head, but a most graceful walk as well.

The really beautiful walk consists of a series of gliding movements, each one melting into the next with no perceptible break or jerk, and this book exercise gives you the swanlike walk of which poets have written from times immemorial.

TO OBTAIN MORE LIGHT.

You can give light to a dark closet or cellarage by painting the walls and woodwork white.

asked to communicate with her either by note or by telephone—North 5762.

In her capacity of church worker—both Mr. and Mrs. Kinnear are among the most devoted and efficient adherents of one of the largest and most influential congregations in the city—Mrs. Kinnear has had much experience in meeting strangers, especially young men and women, and it is her hope that those who are seeking congenial surroundings and friends should take advantage of her invitation.

Strangers Club Mooted.

Should the suggestions offered by "A Lonely Girl" work out to the satisfaction of all concerned, it is possible that a regularly organized "Strangers' Club" may be formed, which will have for its purpose the forwarding of acquaintanceship among young persons who, leaving behind them the friends of their home circle, find themselves socially stranded in Washington.

Frances Carroll

NEW SKIRT MAKES
WOMEN WADDLE

Banded Below the Knees, It Is Unbecoming and Graceless.

The skirt that is banded in below the knees promises to be one of the most fruitful sources of unbecomingness and ungracefulness that the season, before we will have to deal with.

Already it has reached the walking suit and one sees women waddling rather than walking because of the hamper to their steps afforded by the scantiness of their skirt hem.

There may have been as ugly styles before, but it is not easy to recall at this moment anything that has gone before which was quite so ungraceful and quite so unbecoming to the average figure.

At its worst this skirt, made in walking length, is side-plaited all the way around to a point within flounce depth of the bottom of the skirt, and there it is met by a straight plain band which holds down all fullness and gives a narrow ring in which the wearer moves with much difficulty and scant grace.

GARDEN HINTS
FOR AMATEURS

Hotbeds should be watered in the morning only and then only on bright days.

There are more dollars in the garden than in often realized. There are health and pleasure, also.

Keep the soils of hotbeds from getting suddenly cold on cold nights or during sudden cold spells.

It is not the cost or the rarity of the plants that give pleasure in gardening. There is much pleasure in watching things grow, more so when we can assist or encourage them to grow.

Any ordinary well trained soil will grow nasturtiums. This soil is better for them than rich, for in the latter they run to leaf and are apt to rot off in wet weather. Nasturtiums should be sowed as early as the ground is ready.

The gardener who deliberately picks out the cheapest grade of seeds invites crop failure. There is a certain percentage of inferior stuff in all garden seeds, which can only produce inferior plants and for best results this should all be taken out. Only the best is good enough.

TO MELLOW THE LIGHT.

In many cases where the light-colored window shades are used it is a difficult matter to mellow the light in a sick room in such houses as are not built with inside shutters. A very neat and satisfactory plan is to set an extra pair of certain fixtures just three or four inches below those used for the light, blends and to this second pair of fixtures hang your dark blue or green shades. This throws your light curtain outside and the dark one inside, one not interfering in the least with the other.

Daily Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

Tuesday, May 3, 1910.

Let not golden visions lure. Hold to that which must endure.

SATURN occupies a place this day that lessens its evil power over wealth and great incomes. The planet's influence becomes highly favorable for the subordinate and the poor. Workers should find the day favorable, and many men will perceive opportunities before them during this period that will change the course of their lives greatly and fortunately.

It will be necessary, however, to be aware against visionary enterprises. The only safe auguries of the period are in the direction of sound, material things. Speculation is under an excessively malignant aspect.

The best favor lies over anything connected directly or indirectly with the earth. All who are concerned in any way with timber, wood, farm products, fruit, animals, minerals, metals, water, or anything needed in agriculture or mining should be on the alert to profit by the extraordinarily good favor of the time.

Builders, architects, surveyors, gardeners, masons, and others interested in houses should prosper their undertakings. The day favors real estate transactions.

Aged persons usually are able to give good advice in signs like those that rule today.

The period is excellent for hiring men. Lucky numbers should be 3, 5, 8, 12, 14, 20, 25, 28.

A sign arises that controls Spain and speaks of financial and political troubles to come.

Persons with this birthdate will benefit during the twelvemonth by bearing with the faults of others, exercising a large tolerance, and restraining their desire to dominate.

Children are born today under aspects that promise active intelligence, a light and airy but honest temperament, and generous, broad nature.

FLORIDA ORANGES
IN GREAT DEMAND

Said to Be of Much Finer Quality Than for a Long Time.

Florida oranges have never been of finer quality than they are this year, according to the opinion of the wholesale fruit dealers in Washington.

The late Valencia variety is just coming into the market and they are of a superior size and flavor. On account of this quality they are greatly in demand and the price of them has gone up to \$4 per crate. In contrast with the high quality of the Florida fruit is the more or less mediocre produce from California. The Western growers are having an off year, while the Peninsula State's product is above the average.

The best of California oranges are quoted at \$2.50 per crate, while those from the Pacific coast, is far below the Florida price of \$4.

HOW TO SWEETEN BUTTER.

To sweeten rancid butter melt in a pan; put a pinch of bread soda in it. Skim of the scum that comes to the top. Wash and let in pieces an apple or a small white potato; put into the melted butter and let it simmer (skim all the time) until the liquid is clear. Strain and pour off into a flask. It is excellent for making small cakes.

TO WASH BABY'S FLANNELS.

In washing baby's flannels, do not rub the soap directly on the garment, but shave the soap and boil it in water until a thick lather is made, then pour it into the wash water. Do not rub the flannels on a washboard, but squeeze gently in the hands and rinse in clear water of the same temperature as the wash suds. Add one tablespoon of ammonia to one gallon of water of the rinse water.

FOR SQUEAKY SHOES.

Everyone knows how disagreeable a squeaking shoe is. Here is a remedy that never fails. Get a pint of neat's foot oil at a paint store, put all you can on the sole of the shoe, then saturate a cloth with it and lay on the sole. Let it remain on several hours or overnight. Very heavy soles require several applications. Few people know of this excellent remedy.

EMBROIDERING A SCALLOP.

When embroidering a scallop, instead of padding it all, first take darning cotton (three or four thread) and hold it along design, and embroider right over this. This expedient saves time and labor and gives good results.

CHARMING OUTFIT FOR YOUNG GIRL

Daily Fashion Talk.

By FRANCES CARROLL.

FOR the young girl who has a fancy for faddy things the little outfit pictured today will have many charms. The separate skirt is of black and white check with a separate tunic of black serge trimmed with a band of the checked material. A band of the black follows the skirt about the hem, and if desired a trim little blouse of black with a Dutch neck bordered with the bias bands of check and three-quarter sleeves of black finished with a deep cuff of the bias check material would make a very becoming and useful frock a bit out of the ordinary.

To introduce the note of color, which is nowadays considered smart, the belt might be of crimson patent leather and pippings of crimson if desired might be used on the bands used as trimming at the neck and for the cuffs.

The blouse pictured is a lingerie affair trimmed with cluny lace and hand



NOVEL HOLD
FOR TAPE RIBBONS

A novel arrangement for holding the tape-needles, that are never to be found when wanted, is made of inch-wide satin ribbon. A good choice is chin's-figured with plain satin edge.

Take a quarter of a yard, fold once, and overhand the edges together. Stuff with cotton and draw up the open end, finishing it with a small rosette of baby-ribbon. Leave one long loop and fasten it securely for a hanger. Castitch each side of this tiny pillow with heavy white silk and run a tape-needle through the stitches on each side.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED
FOR CHINA PAINTERS

In china painting absolute cleanliness and a regard for details is imperative. If you have no kiln of your own and have to send the china out to be fired, always see that it is perfectly dry and that the under sides of things are clean and free from smudges and finger marks before firing, as all such things will fire in and prove unsightly.

When sending china out to be fired, wrap it carefully in soft tissue paper, or sheet-wadding. If any of the cotton sticks to the china after it is unwrapped it will not matter.

Much of the amateur work one sees today is done in a very sloppy, careless way—muddy color, wobbly and inaccurate outlines, and gold which has been put on in the most careless manner. Rub out and do over again any work which is not up to the highest standard.

After you have finished the day's painting, scrape all messy color from the palette with your knife, leaving only the good color. Wipe the palette clean with turpentine and then slip on the cover. If you have not the covered palette, place your tile, or whatever contains your colors, in a covered box. This will keep the colors free from dust and dirt and in good working condition several days.

Here are a few questions and answers of interest to the amateur:

1. Does your pad wet through too quickly? Your silk is doubtless too thin. Use double thickness and only oil the pad very slightly.

2. Does the tinting seem full of tiny bits of fuzz? If so, probably the silk is too coarse, and the cotton works through. Or, it may be due to dust or lint from either the room or your dress. Best wipe it all off.

3. Does your tint seem full of little bubbles as you pad it? If it does, you have used too much medium in applying. Wipe it off with a dry cloth and try again. Sometimes it is due to a very wet pad. Try a fresh one and perhaps that will make it all right.

4. Is the tint streaky and uneven? If you have used the color too dry it is apt to be uneven. It is best to see that any piece you are to tint is perfectly clean before applying the color.

5. In padding does the color seem to come off in spots? This is probably due to having your pad made too hard and tight. It should be loose and springy. And, again, it may be due to having your color too dry.

What is the proper consistency of the tinting color when mixed, ready for application? It should be smooth and creamy, and is used quite thin for very light tones. Experience must teach you many of these points, for it is by repeated trials with these problems that you gain any real knowledge.

TRADES MASTERED
BY HOHENZOLLERN

An ancient custom ordains that all princes and princesses of the house of Hohenzollern should learn a trade. Of the five daughters of the Duke Frederic Ferdinand of Holstein-Glücksburg, nieces of the German Emperor, one is a shorthand writer, the second is a miniature painter, the third a nurse, the fourth a cook and the fifth holds a certificate qualifying her as a kindergarten teacher.

The Duchesse Philippine of Wurtemberg, born Archduchess of Austria, can make any kind of medical bandage, and even elastic stockings. Princess Hermine Russ, wife of Prince Jean-Georges de Saxe-Mark-Carlsruhe, has chosen a somewhat original profession—that of watch and clock making.

CAPS FOR THE MAID.

Four pretty caps for the maid may be made from a 5-cent box of "tourists" ruching. Four or five rows of the ruching sewed upon an oblong foundation of thin muslin make a neat and dressy little band as one could desire. It takes about two minutes to make one. They will wash, but will stay white and fresh a long time, and the cost is so extremely slight that it hardly matters.

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How to keep supple, how to have a full chest, how to have a small, rounded waistline, these are the questions women are asking, and the only answer requires constant practice of exercises to enlarge the lungs, straighten the back and banish the ugly waistline.

To get fun as well as beauty out of this improvement work, have your women friends meet together and do your beautifying in unison.

For instance, the girl with a thick waistline must walk a great deal. Walking breaks up the fatty deposits, and a slim, graceful figure is obtained. What could be pleasanter than to get up a walking club composed of your beauty-seeking friends and all of you go out for a tramp every day? Good company will make this beauty task easy. Bear in mind that in order to get the best results from this exercise, the chest must be held up and out, the abdomen drawn in, the head held erect, and the shoulder blades thrown back. Holding the body in this position, start out and walk two or three miles, taking deep, exhilarating breaths as you stroll along. The more fresh air you get into your lungs, the more developed your bust will be and the slimmer your waist.

RAILROAD STOCKS
HELD BY WOMEN

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Men are paying the penalty of overaction, and women are coming into possession of the world through the law of the survival of the fittest.

With the shears of fate the widow may, perhaps, turn from dress patterns to coupons.

SCRUB BRUSHES USEFUL.

A bride received as a present from an older housekeeper half a dozen little scrub brushes, and the bride says if she had to part with half of her cut glass or the brushes, the glass presents would have to go. The brushes are useful for scrubbing vegetables, washing kettles or the sink, and the bride cannot see how any one ever cleans the grater without a scrub brush.

BLISTER ON YOUR HEEL.

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FUNNY BUG'S NARROW ESCAPE.

By FARMER SMITH.

"GOODNESS," said Mr. Funny Bug, as he picked himself up, pulled his ear round from under his ear, and began dusting his long-tailed coat; "goodness, but that was a narrow escape. Why do people have such enormous feet?" he said. "Besides, couldn't that boy see that I had on my Sunday-go-to-meetin' clothes? A little more and there wouldn't have been any me. Now, where is my hat?"

Mr. Funny Bug limped all around, looking for his hat, and found it wedged in between the cracks in the sidewalk.

"That's a nice looking hat," he said, as he brushed the tall silk hat on his coat sleeve, all dusty and dirty. "If it's spoiled I suppose I will have to wear my old derby again. Anybody knows a derby doesn't look nice on a Funny Bug with a swallow-tailed coat. Give me a nice high hat," he said.

"What's the matter, Funny Bug?" said a laughing voice in Mr. Funny Bug's ear.

"Oh, it's you, is it, Friendly Jeff?" said Mr. Funny Bug. "Well, enough's the matter. I was on my way to get a bunch of violets for that dear, sweet Miss Jolly Bug when squalid an enormous foot flopped down on my new patent leathers. I do declare if I didn't think my day had come."

"Oh, cheer up, cheer up," said Friendly Jeff. "You're all right. Just wipe some of the dirt off your left eye."

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